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Subject: **Brunswick & Yarmouth**
Federal Project Nos. IM-1264(400)E,
BH-1560(200)X & BH-1561(200)X
State Pin Nos. 012644.00, 015602.00,
015612.00

Amendment No. 6

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Currently members of our staff have certification in Level I Coatings Inspection. This training program was taught by KTA-Tator of Pittsburgh, PA. This course is authorized by IACET and fulfills the requirements for the American Institute of Steel Construction's Sophisticated Paint Endorsement and SSPC's QP1 and QP2 contractor certification programs. Would this certification be sufficient to satisfy the QC personnel requirements outlined in section 506.032 Quality Control Qualifications?

Response: The Department has conversed with KTA-Tator on whether KTA's Level I Coatings Inspection Course is equivalent to SSPC QP1 and QP2. It is not an equivalent course; therefore it may not be substituted.

Question: Bridge painting is a specialized trade as such very few tasks can be subcontracted to a DBE to meet the 5.8% goal. There appear to be DBE bridge painting firms, but it seems unreasonable to subcontract bridge painting work to one of our competitors. Would MDOT find this an acceptable reason not to achieve the 5.8% goal?

Response: The Contractor shall try to meet the DBE goal, whether 1% or 5.8%. The 5.8% is the current average the Department is seeing from our other Contractors. The Contractor shall show, at time of bid, that they are unable to find a DBE to do any type of work (i.e. paint, traffic control, etc.) if this is the case. This documentation of having no DBE able or willing shall be submitted at the time of the bid opening.

Question: The contract document refers to submitting "Contractors DBE Utilization Plan" and "Contractor DBE Utilization Form" and conflicting requirements as to when provided. Is this plan and the form the same document? Does it get submitted with the bid or by 4:30PM on the day of the bid?



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Response: The “Contractors DBE Utilization Plan” and “Contractor DBE Utilization Form” are the same and must be submitted with the bid. If you are submitting your bid electronically, you can FAX your DBE form to 207-624-3431 prior to 11:00AM on the day of bid opening.

Question: Will variable message boards be required? If so, how will they be paid for?

Response: There are no requirements for variable message boards.

Question: Is the Maine PE field verification for rapid deployment and suspended containment installations going to be mandatory prior to acceptance by the department? Or is it intended that just suspended containment platforms be verified by the Maine PE?

Response: Any time a load is imposed on the bridge structure, calculations must be submitted from a Registered Maine Professional Engineer. The containment, if suspended, will need field acceptance by the P.E. of record prior to use, also if it is suspended or may cause any stress within the bridge components.

Question: The Waste Management section has a limit of no more than three 55 gallon drums of hazardous waste not to exceed 1320 lbs may be stored at the site at any time. Does this mean that no more than that amount can be stored at the secure storage facility? Or is the intent that no more than that amount be stored at the individual bridge sites?

Response: The Contractor needs to be in compliance with Maine DEP rules for hazardous waste generation. Limitations, whether onsite or at a storage facility, are three 55 gallon drums weighing up to 1320 lbs.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on January 28, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford", written in a cursive style.

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer